

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The Menomonie Historic Preservation Commission held its April, 2016, meeting on April 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present: Monte Burstad, Ryland Erdman, Josh Risler, Tom Twohig and Melissa Kneeland. Also present: Darrek Orwig, Ken Schofield, Lowell Prange, Randy Eide, Mayor Randy Knaack, Roy Ostenso, Celene Frey and Raj Lall.

There was no regular March meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission as a quorum was lacking. There was a special meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission on March 22, 2016. The minutes from the special meeting of March 22, 2016 were approved as presented.

A presentation was made by representatives of Keith Street LLC. Keith Street LLC is the current owner of the Heller Building (1890) and also has a conditional offer to purchase the Hellum Building (1862). Presentations were made by Attorney Brian Nodolf, Bill Albright and Paul Madsen on behalf of Keith Street LLC.

The preferred proposed plan by Keith Street LLC for the Heller Building and the Hellum Building properties would be a demolition of the Heller Building and either a demolition or removal of the Hellum Building with a building of a hotel on this combined site. The presentation of the representatives of Keith Street LLC was to introduce the project itself, why demolition is the preferred route and who the members of Keith Street LLC were.

All parties agreed that there would need to be applications for Certificate of Appropriateness for the destruction/removal of the Hellum Building and Heller Building as well as application for construction of the replacement building.

Darrek Orwig, Executive Director of Main Street of Menomonie, Inc., made a presentation concerning information gathered from WEDC and Wisconsin Main Street regarding this site.

Representatives of Keith Street LLC advised the Commission that it would investigate various options for the redevelopment of the property and their costs and make a presentation to the Commission as to these various options which would include razing (or removal) and rebuild versus retaining the structures and remodeling same.

There was one (1) Certificate of Appropriateness/Sign Approval application presented. The application was from Guillermo Mendez Nunez for Burrito California, 334 Main Street East. The application was approved with one condition: the Burrito California decal located in the upper left portion of the proposed sign must be removed. See attached.

The next regular Historic Preservation Commission meeting shall be held on May 9, 2016, at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Schofield
Recording Secretary